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He may be beholden to experience and acquired notions, where he thinks he has not the least *help* from them. *Locke.*

So great is the stupidity of some of those, that they may have no sense of the *help* administered to them. *Smalridge.*

2. That which forwards or promotes. *Bacon.*
Coral is in use as an *help* to the teeth of children.

3. That which gives help.
Though these contrivances increase the power, yet they proportionably protract the time: that which by such *helps* one man may do in a hundred days, may be done by the immediate strength of a hundred men in one day. *Wilkins.*

Virtue is a friend and an *help* to nature; but it is vice and luxury that destroys it, and the diseases of intemperance are the natural product of the sins of intemperance. *South.*

Another *help* St. Paul himself affords us towards the attaining the true meaning contained in his epistles. *Locke.*

4. Remedy.
There is no *help* for it, but he must be taught accordingly to comply with that faulty way of writing. *Holder in Speech.*

HE'LFER. *n. f.* [from *help*.]
1. An assistant; an auxiliary; an aider; one that helps or assists. *2 Kings.*

There was not any left, nor any *helper* for Israel. *2 Kings.*

We ought to receive such, that we might be fellow *helpers* to the truth. *3 Jo. viii.*

It is impossible for that man to despair who remembers that his *helper* is omnipotent. *Taylor's Rule of living help.*

2. One that administers remedy.
Compassion, the mother of tears, is not always a mere idle spectator, but an *helper* oftentimes of evils. *More.*

3. A supernumerary servant.
I live in the corner of a vast unfurnished house: my family consists of a steward, a groom, a *helper* in the stable, a footman, and an old maid. *Swift to Pope.*

4. One that supplies with any thing wanted.
Heaven

Hath brought me up to be your daughter's dower, As it hath fated her to be my motive. *Shak. All's well that ends well.*

HE'LFUL. *adj.* [from *help* and *full*.]
1. Useful; that which gives assistance.

Let's fight with gentle words, 'Till time lend friends, and friends their *helpful* swords. *Sh.*

He orders all the fuccours which they bring; The *helpful* and the good about him run, And form an army. *Dryden's Ann. Mirab.*

2. Wholesome; salutary.
A skilful chymist can as well, by separation of visible elements, draw *helpful* medicines out of poison, as poison out of the most healthful herbs. *Raleigh's History of the World.*

HE'LPLESS. *adj.* [from *help*.]
1. Wanting power to succour one's self.

One dire thro' Close by the board the prince's main-mast bore; All three now *helpless* by each other lie. *Dryd. Ann. Mirab.*

Let our enemies rage and persecute the poor and the *helpless*; but let it be our glory to be pure and peaceable. *Rogers.*

2. Wanting support or assistance.
How shall I then your *helpless* fame defend? 'Twill then be injury to seem your friend. *Pope.*

3. Irremediable; admitting no help.
Such *helpless* harms it's better hidden keep, Than rip up grief, where it may not avail. *Fairy Queen.*

4. Unsupplied; void.
Naked helies, and ready to expire, *Helpless* of all that human wants require. *Dryden.*

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interject. Hem! [Latin.]
To HEM. *v. a.*

1. To clothe the edge of cloth by a hem or double border sewed together.

2. To border; to edge.
All the skirt about Was hem'd with golden fringe. *Fairy Queen, b. ii.*

3. To enclose; to environ; to confine; to shut.
Whose rufhy bank, the which his river *hems*, *Spenser.*
So of either side, stretching itself in a narrow length, was it hemmed in by woody hills, as if indeed nature had meant therein to make a place for beholders. *Stacey, b. ii.*

What lets us then the great Jerusalem
With valiant squadrons round about to hem. *Fairfax, b. i.*

Why, Neptune, halt thou made us stand alone,
Divided from the world for this, say they;
Hem'd in to be a spoil to tyranny;
Leaving affliction hence no way to fly? *Daniel's Civ. War.*

I hurry me in haste away,
And find his honour in a pound,
Hem'd by a triple circle round,
Chequer'd with ribbons, blue and green. *Pete.*

To HEM. *v. n.* [hemmen, Dutch.] To utter a noise by violent expulsion of the breath.

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Emboss upon the field, a battle flood
Of leeches, spouting *hemorrhoidal* blood. *Garth's Dispensat.*

HEMP. *n. f.* [henep, Saxon; hamp, Dutch.] A fibrous plant of which coarse linen and ropes are made.

It hath digitated leaves opposite to one another: the flowers have no visible petals; it is male and female in different plants. It is propagated in the rich fenny parts of Lincolnshire in great quantities for its bark, which is useful for cordage, cloth, &c. and the seed affords an oil used in medicine. *Miller.*

Let gallows go for dog; let man go free,
And let not *hem* his windpipe suffocate. *Shaksp. Hen. V.*
Hemp and flax are commodities that deserve encouragement, both for their usefulness and profit. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*

HEMP. *n. f.* A plant.
The common *hem* *agrimony* is found wild by ditches and sides of rivers. *Miller.*

HEMPEN. *adj.* [from *hem*.] Made of hemp.
In foul reproach of knighthood's fair degree,
About his neck a *hempen* rope he wears. *Fairy Queen, b. i.*

Behold
Upon the *hempen* tackle ship-boys climbing. *Shak. Hen. V.*
Ye shall have a *hempen* caudle then, and the help of a hatchet. *Shaksp. Henry VI. p. iii.*

I twich'd his dangling garter from his knee;
He wist not when the *hempen* string I drew. *Gay.*

HEN. *n. f.* [henne, Saxon and Dutch; han, German, a cock.]
1. The female of a house-cock.

2. The female of any land-fowl.
The peacock, pheasant, and goldfinch cocks have glorious colours; the *hen* have not. *Bacon's Natural History.*

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